May 26, 2020 City Council Meeting
Tue, May 26, 2020 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CDT)

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ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Ashland City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Debra Lewis via GoTo Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken, a Moment of Silence was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Holly George, Matthew MacKenzie, Sarah Jackson, Kate Ullman, Ana Tochterman, Wahsayah Whitebird, Charlie Ortman, Kevin Haas (5:35), Liz Franek, Dick Pufall, Jackie Moore

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Deb Lewis, Administrator Brant Kucera, Clerk Denise Oliphant, Attorney Tyler Wickman, Public Works Director John Butler, Planning Director Megan McBride, Parks Director Sara Hudson, and other concerned citizens.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lewis asked to remove the Closed Session item on the recommendation of the City Attorney and request of the Public Works Director to allow for more research.
Whitebird moved, seconded by George to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 5, 2020 Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes

Whitebird moved, seconded by Pufall to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Clerk read the Rules for Citizen Participation, and the following offered their comments to the Council:

Dani O'Brien, 615 Vaughn Avenue, asked that Council take action and set guidelines for visitors to the community for clear messaging relating to COVID-19.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Lewis received approximately 4800 cloth masks through *Masks for Mayors* to be distributed to the public and area businesses. Replacement of the Pearson Plaza pavement is now complete. The Evergrow Learning Center is currently taking applications for a 4K program. Starlit Gardens, a new business, will be opening next week, located across Main Street from the County Courthouse. Ashland High School will be holding a social distancing graduation for the Class of 2020 on June 7, 2020. The Vaughn Library is now open to the public with COVID-19 guidelines in pla. Lewis ended by answering to a number of local rumors regarding businesses in Ashland.

B. Appointments

Moore moved, seconded by Whitebird to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Miscellaneous Minutes

B. Planning and Development Report, April 2020

C. Approval of Class A Combination Alcohol Beverage License Application (Including Officers and Agent Jerry Henderson) for Tastes of Wisconsin LLC at 420 Lake Shore Drive West, Ashland, Wisconsin *(Clerk)* Voice

D. Approve to Amend Chapter 922 (1488) Alcoholic Beverages Regulation, Ashland City Ordinances to Designate the City Clerk as Issuer of Operators' Licenses *(Clerk)*

Haas moved, seconded by Whitebird approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Dr. Karl Solibakke, Northland College President

A presentation was made by Dr. Karl Solibakke, President of Northland College regarding plans to return students in the Fall of 2020. George moved, seconded by Ortman to support the return of students of Northland College. George later amended her motion, accepted by Ortman, to direct staff to prepare a statement of support to be returned to Council for approval. This motion carried 10-1 by voice vote: opposed was Whitebird.

B. Approve a Resolution for the Submission of a 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Application and Commitment of Matching Funds *(Planning and Development)* Voice

Franek moved, seconded by Moore to approve. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Approve to Accept Hoeft Builders as Resident Project Representative for the New Police Facility Project *(Administrator)* Roll

Tochterman moved, seconded by Haas to approve to accept Hoeft Builders as Resident Project Representative for the new police facility project, budgeted for approximately $125,000. The motion passed 7-4 by roll call vote; opposed were Whitebird, Franek, Ortman and Pufall.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was removed from the agenda.

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g): “Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation.” *(Reinke Claim) (City Attorney)* Roll

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moore moved, seconded by Whitebird to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Oliphant,
City Clerk

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